

Adopted: April 15, 2003

**ACADEMIC SENATE
of
CALIFORNIA POLYTECHNIC STATE UNIVERSITY
San Luis Obispo, CA**

AS-593-03

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF THE
KINDERGARTEN-UNIVERSITY PUBLIC EDUCATION
FACILITIES BOND ACT OF 2004**

Background: Last year Proposition 47—the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2002—was passed by California voters with over 59% of the vote statewide. The second half of a two part statewide school bond package—the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004—is scheduled to appear on the March 2004 ballot. Passage of next year’s measure is as important as the passage of Proposition 47. The Office of Public School Construction data shows we need 46,000 new classrooms, or 1,175 new schools, to relieve overcrowding and accommodate expected new enrollments in the next five years. Proposition 47 will cover the state’s portion of about half of this work, while the 2004 sister measure is needed to complete the other half.

WHEREAS, The Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004 (2004 Statewide School Bond) provides \$12.3 billion in bonds to relieve overcrowding, reduce class size, and repair and upgrade California’s elementary, middle and high schools, community colleges and universities; and

WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond measure is the second half of a two part statewide education bond package to repair, upgrade and build new school facilities. The first half of the package (Proposition 47) was approved by California’s voters in 2002, and passage of the second half of the package is equally as important to continue the work started; and

WHEREAS, Within six weeks of voter approval of Proposition 47 more than 300 school districts had their school construction and repair projects funded, and the remainder of the 2002 bond funds will soon be exhausted as new classrooms are built and old schools are repaired; and

WHEREAS, California has the second most overcrowded classrooms in the country; 22% of all K-12 public school students are on year round class schedules because there isn’t enough space in overcrowded school districts; and one third of all K-12 classrooms in the state are portable trailers; and

WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond provides matching funds to school districts that have already or will soon pass local school construction bond measures; and

WHEREAS, More than 710,000 new students are expected to seek enrollment at a California college or university by 2010; and

35 WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond provides a much needed boost to our
36 state's economy, and putting Californians back to work building a better learning
37 environment for our children is a wise investment in these difficult economic times; and
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39 WHEREAS, The 2004 Statewide School Bond funds must be spent on school construction not on
40 overhead, and projects must comply with strict accountability requirements, including
41 mandatory audits, to safeguard against waste and mismanagement; therefore, be it
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43 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly support the Kindergarten-University Public
44 Education Facilities Bond Act of 2004; and, be it further

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46 RESOLVED: That the Academic Senate of Cal Poly send a copy of this resolution to Californians for
47 Accountability and Better Schools.

Proposed by: Academic Senate Executive Committee
Date: April 1, 2003

State of California


Memorandum

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To: Unny Menon
Chair, Academic Senate

Date: April 25, 2003

From: 
Warren J. Baker
President

Copies: P. Zingg, L Kelley

Subject: Response to Academic Senate Resolution AS-593-03 .
Resolution in Support of the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond
Act of 2004

This will acknowledge receipt of the above subject Resolution. The Resolution does not require my approval, but I do wish to express my appreciation to the Academic Senate for its position on this important matter for the citizens and the future of the State of California.